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4. ~~(Amended) A mold according to claim 2, where in said recesses are~~
constituted by notches that are uniformly distributed in a periphery of the mold.

5. (Amended) A mold according to claim 4, wherein a bottoms of said notches are rounded..

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6. ~~(Amended) A mold according to claim 4, wherein a depth of the notches decreases on coming close to a bottom end of the mold.~~

7. (Amended) A mold according to claim 6, wherein a maximum depth of the notches is greater than or equal to 4 mm.

8. (Amended) A mold according to claim 4, having sixteen to twenty said notches.

9. (Amended) A mold according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of the side wall in the zones of weakness is greater than or equal to 1mm.

Please add new claims 10-65 as follows:

--10. A mold according to claim 8, having eighteen said notches.--

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--11. ~~A mold for manufacturing a stick, wherein the mold has a side wall, which~~
includes zones of weakness facilitating radial deformation thereof, and wherein the mold has a cavity with a sloping bottom wall.--

--12. A mold according to claim 11, wherein said zones of weakness are obtained by means of recesses made in the side wall of the mold.--

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--13. A mold according to claim 12, wherein said recesses extend longitudinally over substantially an entire height of the mold all the way to a bottom end of the mold.--

--14. A mold according to claim 12, wherein said recesses are constituted by notches that are uniformly distributed in the periphery of the mold.--

--15. A mold according to claim 14, wherein bottoms of said notches are rounded.--

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--16. ~~A mold according to claim 14, wherein a depth of the notches decreases on coming closer to a bottom end of the mold.--~~

--17. A mold according to claim 16, wherein a maximum depth of the notches is greater than or equal to 4 mm.--

--18. A mold according to claim 14, having sixteen to twenty said notches.--

--19. A mold according to claim 18, having eighteen said notches.--

--20. A mold according to claim 11, wherein a thickness of the side wall in the zones of weakness is greater than or equal to 1 mm.--

--21. A mold according to claim 11, having a continuous inner surface.--

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--22. ~~A mold for manufacturing a stick, wherein the mold has a side wall which~~
includes zones of weakness facilitating radial deformation thereof and wherein the mold has a
cavity having a part formed by two successive conical surfaces converging towards an
opening of the mold.--

--23. A mold according to claim 22, wherein said zones of weakness are obtained by means of recesses made in the side wall of the mold.--

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--24. A mold according to claim 22, wherein said recesses extend longitudinally over substantially an entire height of the mold all the way to a bottom end of the mold.--

--25. A mold according to claim 23, wherein said recesses are constituted by notches that are uniformly distributed in a periphery of the mold.--

--26. A mold according to claim 25, wherein bottoms of said notches are rounded.--

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--27. ~~A mold according to claim 25, wherein a depth of the notches decreases on~~
coming closer to a bottom end of the mold.--

--28. A mold according to claim 27, wherein a maximum depth of the notches is greater than or equal to 4 mm.--

--29. A mold according to claim 25, having sixteen to twenty said notches.--

--30. A mold according to claim 29, having eighteen said notches.--

--31. A mold according to claim 22, wherein a thickness of the side wall in the zones of weakness is greater than or equal to 1 mm.--

--32. A mold according to claim 22, having a continuous inner surface.--

Sub C8 ~~33. A mold for manufacturing a stick, wherein the mold has a side wall, which includes zones of weakness facilitating radial deformation thereof, and wherein the mold has a top portion having a flange.--~~

--34. A mold according to claim 33, wherein said zones of weakness are obtained by means of recesses made in the side wall of the mold.--

--35. A mold according to claim 34, wherein said recesses extend longitudinally over substantially the entire height of the mold all the way to a bottom end of the mold.--

--36. A mold according to claim 34, wherein said recesses are constituted by notches that are uniformly distributed in a periphery of the mold.--

--37. A mold according to claim 36, wherein bottoms of said notches are rounded.--

Sub C9 ~~38. A mold according to claim 36, wherein a depth of the notches decreases on coming closer to a bottom end of the mold.--~~

22 --39. A mold according to claim 38, wherein a maximum depth of the notches is greater than or equal to 4 mm.--

--40. A mold according to claim 36, having sixteen to twenty said notches.--

--41. A mold according to claim 40, having eighteen said notches.--

--42. A mold according to claim 33, wherein a thickness of the side wall in the zones of weakness is greater than or equal to 1 mm.--

--43. A mold according to claim 33, having a continuous inner surface.--

Sub C10 ~~44. A mold for manufacturing a stick, wherein the mold has a side wall which includes zones of weakness facilitating radial deformation thereof and wherein the mold has a flange surrounding an opening of the mold.--~~

--45. A mold according to claim 44, wherein said zones of weakness are obtained by means of recesses made in the side wall of the mold.--

--46. A mold according to claim 45, wherein said recesses extend longitudinally over substantially an entire height of the mold all the way to a bottom end of the mold.--

--47. A mold according to claim 45, wherein said recesses are constituted by notches that are uniformly distributed in a periphery of the mold.--

--48. A mold according to claim 47, wherein bottoms of said notches are rounded.--

~~--49. A mold according to claim 47, wherein a depth of the notches decreases on~~
~~coming closer to a bottom end of the mold.--~~

--50. A mold according to claim 49, wherein a maximum depth of the notches is greater than or equal to 4 mm.--

--51. A mold according to claim 47, having sixteen to twenty said notches.--

--52. A mold according to claim 51, having eighteen said notches.--

--53. A mold according to claim 44, wherein a thickness of the mold wall in the zones of weakness is greater than or equal to 1 mm.--

--54. A mold according to claim 44, having a continuous inner surface.--

--55) A mold for manufacturing a stick, wherein the mold has a side wall which includes zones of weakness facilitating radial deformation thereof and wherein the mold has an opening defined at least partially by a conical surface.--

--56. A mold according to claim 55, wherein said zones of weakness are obtained by means of recesses made in the side wall of the mold.--

--57. A mold according to claim 56, wherein said recesses extend longitudinally over substantially the entire height of the mold all the way to a bottom end of the mold.--

--58. A mold according to claim 56, wherein said recesses are constituted by notches that are uniformly distributed in the periphery of the mold.--

--59. A mold according to claim 57, wherein the bottoms of the said notches are rounded.--

~~60. A mold according to claim 58, wherein the depth of the notches decreases on coming closer to the bottom end of the mold.--~~

--61. A mold according to claim 60, wherein the maximum depth of the notches is greater than or equal to 4 mm.--

--62. A mold according to claim 58, having sixteen to twenty notches.--

--63. A mold according to claim 62, having eighteen notches.--